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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An optical fiber cable has a highly reduced diameter. The cable has a central strength member; a number of tubes containing loosely arranged optical fibers, each tube having a thickness, and each optical fiber having a coating; and a protective outer jacket, wherein the filling coefficient of optical fibers in at least one loose tube is  $\geq 45\%$ . The tubes are made of a material having an elasticity modulus  $\geq 700$  MPa; and the optical fibers are SM-R fibers having a microbending sensitivity  $\leq 4.0 \text{ dB} \cdot \text{km}^{-1} / \text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^{-1}$  at a temperature of about  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$  at about 1550nm.